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- 25X1 1. The Yugoslav Government has taken action to expel all Russians who arrived
 in Yugoslavia following World War I and who acquired Soviet citizenship
 in 1944. The Yugoslav Ministry of Foreign Affairs [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] issued exit visas and had them put on trains for Bulgaria [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] At Kalatin, the
 25X1 first railroad station in Bulgaria, the Russians were removed from the
 25X1 train by the Bulgarian authorities and forcibly placed on the first train
 returning to Yugoslavia. On their return to Caribrod, Yugoslavia, they
 25X1 were taken off the train by the Yugoslav police and placed on the first
 train returning to Bulgaria. Some Russians have made as many as six
 25X1 round-trips to date. [redacted] this
 policy was dictated by the Soviet Ambassador in Sofia.
2. A number of Russian professional men who were sent to Bulgaria were taken
 to Sofia and put in jail pending final disposition. One person was held
 in jail for three weeks, then was placed on a train and returned to Yugo-
 slavia where he was permitted to return to his home in Pancevo.
3. In more recent times, the Yugoslav Government has sent some Soviet citizens
 into Bulgaria via clandestine overland routes. They are led across the
 Bulgarian border by a Yugoslav and sent into the Bulgarian interior.
4. On 22 January 1950, two Yugoslav secretaries who had been working in the
 Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia and had been ordered to leave the country by
 the Bulgarians, left by train for Yugoslavia. While travelling through
 Bulgaria, their compartment was observed to be of prime interest to the
 Bulgarian train guards who knocked on the door and repeated at intervals
 through the night: "Are you spies sleeping?" In conversation, the two
 secretaries stated that in recent days over half of the members of the
 Central Committee of the Bulgarian Workers' Party had been arrested.
 They also stated their conviction that Vasil Kolarov did not die a
 natural death.

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